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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

JAMES A. WILSON, et al.,)

Plaintiffs,) C.A. No. 05-399-JJF

v.)

STANLEY TAYLOR, et al.,)

Defendant.)

Deposition of RODERICK T. BROWN taken pursuant to notice before Renee A. Meyers, Certified Realtime Reporter and Notary Public, in the Sussex Correctional Center, Georgetown, Delaware, on Thursday, June 28, 2007, beginning at approximately 10:15 a.m., there being present:

APPEARANCES:

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Page 16 Page 14 A. I honestly feel that it is, but at the same time, 1 Kearney discriminated against you because those are the 1 2 remaining defendants? 2 we all not dumb. You put one white guy in the mix of it 3 so you can't say that it's racial or whatever. A. I just feel that -- well, it runs up the chain, 3 4 Q. So you think that it was discrimination even 4 but, basically, we don't have no dealing with him, with 5 though a white guy was in the same situation? 5 neither three of them because they are out here, so it 6 A. Yeah. usually starts with the counselors. 6 7 Q. Why? 7 I just feel that it is discrimination as far as 8 A. Why do I feel that it was discrimination? the jobs, how you are treated, as far as the points 8 9 system and how sometime the point system helps some O. Yes. 9 10 A. Because why some of us that we are going to 10 people and some people that it don't. It affects you. complete the program, you make us do the program, you My thinking, if you qualify for a job or whatever 11 11 or you had the knowledge, whatever, no matter if you are don't complete it, you get points and you go backwards, 12 12 but I am saying, If we are going by your rules and 13 green or yellow, you should get that job. It shouldn't 13 be no top priority. Or if your points is low, you fit 14 playing by your game and we complete it, why go 14 15 backwards? that criteria, you should get that. Don't bend and 15 16 break the rules for certain people to benefit and don't 16 Q. I guess what I am looking for from you is 17 something concrete. You know, I'd like for you to give 17 use the point system to hold certain people back just 18 me names or specifics examples so that it's clear what for -- I had an incident where I finished the Key 18 program and I only had four points. 19 the allegation is. 19 20 I mean, you say you were unfairly treated because I understand I still have time to do, I am not 20 of your race. I would like you to tell me why you think 21 looking to get out of jail, but why would you send me 21 22 it was because of your race and who was treated 22 backwards -- after finishing the program, you send me 23 differently from you that was not of your race? 23 right back to where I started from when I first came to 24 A. I seen it all the time. I don't know because I 24 jail, to medium building, with only four points. You Page 17 don't talk to most of these guys. I don't know their take my job from me. You take my job from me, send me 1 1 2 over to medium building with no write-ups, no nothing, 2 name. But I seen specifically, sticking to me, with me, Javar, Roderick Brown, Javar James and Andrew -- I can't 3 3 then you sit me there and have me wait three or four 4 think of his last name -- David Andrews, we all months for housing to get back to Merit building. You 4 5 completed the Key program. We all had jobs after we got 5 see what I am saying? 6 out the Key program, waiting for housing. So you take 6 It's like you are going backwards. When some 7 our jobs from us and send us over to medium building. 7 people, boom, you just go -- you go back to Merit where you was or you go back to minimum. I feel like three or 8 Q. Are all of these individuals black? 8 four of us, and it wasn't even a color thing with that 9 A. No. David Andrews is white. 9 because it was two black guys and a white guy, we all 10 Q. He is white. Okay. And the other three are 10 11 black? 11 went backwards. 12 A. Yes. 12 I mean, I am not looking for no points or nothing because I shouldn't be in jail, but my thing is if you 13 O. And you completed your job -- you completed Key 13 and you had jobs? are striving to do what's right, why are you sending me 14 14 A. Right. After we got out the key, we had jobs. 15 backwards so you are making me fight -- do you see what 15 You take us from our jobs with no explanation and move I am saying? I do two steps right and then you bring me 16 16 back here instead of when you should have put me there 17 us to medium building, which is going backwards. So 17 that means you took our jobs from us, sat us in medium 18 from the beginning. 18 19 building. Then, from there, it was nothing said. We So I had to go through a whole cycle to get back 19 20 asked why were we going to medium? It was basically, 20 to Merit building, which I seen some people that finish 21 Don't ask no questions; you are being here for housing, the program went straight back to Merit. 21 Do you see what I am saying? 22 basically. 22 23 So I feel that, yeah, you being punished.

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3	got it right offhand, so I don't want to lie to you.	3	Plus, it's been over five years. She said, It doesn't
4	Q. And I am not trying to be obscure or to trip you	4	matter.
5	up, but this is what I am looking for. I asked for a	5	Q. Now, why do you think that that classification
6	concrete example, how you think you were discriminated	6	was discriminatory?
7	against, and you pointed to this job you think you were	7	A. Because I am pretty sure and I done seen other
8	denied. So, on that vein, are there any other things,	8	people with escapes on their record that's over minimum.
9	any other circumstances in the prison where you think	9	Q. Who is that?
10	you were discriminated against?	10	A. I keep telling you, I don't know these people
11	A. Even on my classification, I felt that I was	11	names. When you are in prison, miss, you don't
12	discriminated on after I finished the Key. Then when I	12	that's like you have people work next door to you, you
13	was denied minimum and they sent me that's when they		don't know their name or you have people work in your
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15	she said, You had escape third on your record. My thing	15	funny, you don't associate with them.
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18	at minimum.	18	Q. You think there are other people who have escape
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21	are the things that, you buck against these things, you	21	A. Not just white, different ones, even blacks.
22	are subject to be moved to another prison, or, boom,	22	Q. So there is unequal treatment based on what?
23	there is no need to fight with these people because my	23	A. The point system and the way they do things,
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2	months, but if you go or you really pursue it, I guess,	2	and over and over to certain people and not just you,
3	you can actually teach it for extended time, I guess.	3	you feel you feel that's being discriminated. Just
4	To me, vo-tech is a privilege, so it's up to you	4	like some white clients could come in here, Caucasian
5	to do what you got to do in there. That's just my	5	could come in here and say that they feel that they are
6	opinion.	6	being discriminated. So I am not trying to get pity
7	Q. Okay.	7	because I am African-American. Do you understand wh
8	A. I think it's good.	8	am saying?
9	Q. And do you know you might not know this but	9	I am just saying, As an individual, are you being
10	do you stay, after you finish the vo-tech program, will	10	treated and getting your fair due process? That's my
11	you stay on the west side of Merit?	11	whole that's my whole issue. I can't speak for
12	A. Yes. That's like extra activity. It's it's	12	nobody else.
13	educational. The only way I would even move from the	13	Q. So, I mean, you are characterizing it to me on a
14	Merit building unless I got in trouble or I was moved to	14	more individual level rather than a race level?
15	another prison, whatever, my classification changed.	15	A. It is racial. You see the racial barrier. You
16	Q. And when this suit was filed, you were on the	16	see the numbers and the statistics show that it's harder
17	east side at that time?	17	for African-Americans to get these certain jobs and they
18	A. Yes.	18	always get the shitty jobs, the low totem jobs.
19	Q. Do you have a preference for either side, where	19	Q. Now, are we talking about statistics are we
20	you are housed? I mean, if you could choose, would you	20	talking about now generally or in the prison?
21	choose one over the other?	21	A. I am talking about as far as the prison now. I
22	A. No. Not really. Because everybody is treated	22	am talking about inside the walls.
23	equally as far as you get the yard, you eat the same.	23	Q. Now, tell me about these statistics. Where are
24	There is really no difference. It's one building. It's	24	they?
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2	Q. The complaint specifically against I am going	2	see these things because you live here. This is your
3	to read the part against Stan Taylor and Warden Rick	3	community for now. This is like being in the village
4	Kearney "They maintain policies that denies black	4	where everybody is fishing, and there is basically,
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1	following. Regardless of what goes on now, I will be	1	going on, discrimination, segregation, and everything.
2	out of here in 2010.	2	You see it still.
3	Q. 2010?	3	Q. Have you received any treatment for your mental
4	A. If not earlier, as far as building work or work	4	injury?
5	release, whatever. So, right now, I am on the downside	5	A. No.
6	now of my incarceration.	6	Q. Or requested any?
7	Q. Do you have somewhere to go when you get out?	7	A. No. Why should I sit down and have somebody
8	A. Yes.	8	insult my intelligence even more than something I know
9	Q. Where is that?	9	that's not going to change or something I know right,
10	A. I got a few choices. I got to I have a few	10	then you send somebody in here to try to tell me
11	choices. I got to narrow down what's best for me to	11	different.
12	succeed. It's not about getting out of jail. It's	12	Q. And then my last question is: I sent you
13	staying out this time because, eventually, I am going to	13	discovery questions, they were called interrogatories.
14	get out.	14	Do you recall receiving that?
15	Q. And your escape charge, that was in 2001; is that	15	A. If you sent it, I am pretty sure I got it. I
16	right?	16	have to go back and look at my papers.
17	A. Mm-hmm.	17	Q. You were supposed to answer those and send them
18	Q. Were you told that after a certain amount of	18	back and you did not. I am just wondering why that is.
19	years, that that wouldn't interfere with your	19	A. Oh, yes, I did. I did sign them and send them
20	classifications?	20	off.
21	A. Yes. I was told that after a certain amount of	21	Q. You are saying you did?
22	years, it's not held against you or whatever.	22	A. Yes, I remember. As a matter of fact, I got
23	Q. Did they say how many?	23	about two months ago; right? I mailed them. Yeah. I
24	A. I was told five.	24	know which ones you are talking about.
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1	Q. So do you think, at your next classification, it	1	Q. Did you send them to me?
2	would not be included?	2	A. I send them to Wilmington and somewhere else. I
3	A. I can't say that again because I know, like I	3	got all the information down, but I sent them off.
4	said, a couple of black guys, Eldon Potts and Joseph,	4	O. Was it for this case?
5	they escapes were past that limit and then they was told	5	A. Yes.
6	ten years, so I don't know. Like I said, the policy	6	Q. Do you have litigation in another case right now?
7	changes to their advantage, whatever they want to do.	7	A. Yes.
8	They can use it against you if they want or they don't	8	Q. Do you know what case that is?
9	have to. That's my opinion, how I see it.	9	A. It's about the kitchen.
10	Q. Were the other two gentlemen, were those escape	10	Q. Do you think that you did it for that case and
11	third also?	11	maybe not mine or did you do it for both?
12	A. I don't have no idea. But as far as myself, I	12	A. I don't know right offhand. I will have to go
13	know mine is escape third. It should be on my record.	13	back and look.
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